Monday, October 15, 2012.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced a group of government officials from Pakistan who were visiting Massachusetts under the auspices of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, to learn about our methods of government administration. They were the guests of Ms. Provost of Somerville.

Pakistani government officials.

Resolutions

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ehrlich of Marblehead, Fennell of Lynn, Walsh of Lynn and Wong of Saugus) congratulating Saint Mary's Parish on its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Keenan of Salem and Cusack of Braintree) congratulating the Project Prove program on its fortieth anniversary;

Lynn,— Saint Mary's Parish.

Project Prove.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Annual and Special Reports.

A special report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Northeastern Correctional Center in the town of Concord; and

Northeastern Correctional Center.

The annual report of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy (under Chapter 306 of the Acts of 2008) describing its performance against the goals for the prior year, and detailing all revenues and expenditures of funds for the prior year, regardless of source, for the fiscal year 2012;

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

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Wayne Murry, sick leave.

Judy D'Antonio, sick leave. Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mathew A. Beaton for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Wayne Murry, an employee of the Department of Transportation.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephen Kulik and Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Judy D'Antonio, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Milton, medical expenses. By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill authorizing the town of Milton to borrow money for payments of certain medical expenses (House, No. 4445) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Chatham,—charter.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the recommitted Bill relative to the charter of the town of Chatham (House, No. 4141) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House, with a previously recommended amendment pending; and the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was considered forthwith.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government,—that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4473),—was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Designating a certain node of the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park in the town of Uxbridge as the Effingham Capron Memorial Park (see Senate, No. 361);

Designating a certain portion of Route 197 in the town of Dudley as the Anthony B. DiDonato, Sr. Memorial Highway (see Senate, No. 2169);

Authorizing the town of Rockport to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages at a food store (see Senate, No. 2239);

Establishing standards for long-term care insurance (see Senate, No. 2359, amended);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Billerica as the William G. Greene, Jr. Bridge (see House, No. 1802, amended);

Validating certain actions taken by the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District relative to certain borrowing (see House, No. 3914, amended); and

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Sharon to grant licenses to certain establishments for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4163, amended);

(Which severally originated in House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to the charter of the city of Westfield Third (Senate, No. 2288, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in reading the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Next on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.